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TAGS: SOPN, JO, IS, US
SUBJECT: MEDIA PESSIMISTIC ON BEGIN VISIT

1. JORDANIAN PRESS JULY 17-20 HAS ADAPTED SKEPTICAL LINE TOWARD PROSPECTS FOR USEFUL OUTCOME OF BEGIN-CARTER TALKS. BASIC THEME IN PRESS HAS BEEN UNWILLINGNESS OF U.S. TO EXERT PRESSURE ON AN ISRAEL WHOSE PLAN FOR PEACE CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF "REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, AND REJECTION OF PEACE ITSELF." BEGIN HAS BEEN PORTRAYED AS MOBILIZING AMERICAN JEWISH OPINION BEHIND HIS OBSTRUCTIONIST SCHEMES. ONE EDITORIAL PREDICTS THAT ISRAELI INFLUENCE WILL RESULT IN DELAY OF VANCE TRIP TO ME FOR TWO WEEKS.

2. SEVERAL EDITORIALS HAVE MENTIONED PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATED RELUCTANCE TO IMPOSE SETTLEMENT ON PARTIES INVOLVED IN ME. EDITORIALS SUGGEST
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THAT PRESIDENT CARTER NEED MERELY TO PRESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RES 242 AND 338 AS STARTING POINTS ON ROAD TO FINAL SETTLEMENT. PRESS ALSO CALLS ON U.S. TO SUMMON ISRAEL TO GENEVA AS INDICATION OF LATTER'S WILLINGNESS TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTION. SUCH ACTIONS BY U.S., SUGGESTS LOCAL PRESS, COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS "IMPOSING"

SETTLEMENT.

3. SEVERAL CARTOONS IN PRESS HAVE DEPICTED
BUFFOON-LIKE BEGIN IN VARIOUS ROLES AS OBSTRUCTOR
OF CARTER PEACE EFFORTS.

4. NEWS COVERAGE OF VISIT HAS BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD,
OVERSHADOWED ON JULY 19 AND 20 BY KING HUSSEIN'S
TRIP TO GULF.

5. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST TO EXPECTED NEGATIVE
VIEW BY AMMAN PRESS OF BEGIN AND HIS PEACE PROPOSALS,
THERE HAS BEEN CLEAR ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL COMMENT.
GOJ HAS OBVIOUSLY CHOSEN TO PLAY THIS ONE COOL.
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